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Dear Sir:

In response to the nonfinal Examiner's Action mailed on 02/13/2003, with a period for reply that expired on 05/13/2003, and an extended statutory period for response set to expire 06/13/2003, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows. Applicant has elected to present the amendment using the revised amendment format set forth in the waiver of 37 CFR 1.121.

<u>AMENDMENT A</u> (37 C.F.R. § 1.111)